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HOUSE BILL No. 11.] [SES. 1862-'63.

Introduced by Mr. BEALL, of Davidson.

W. W. Holden, Printer to the State.

REPORT OF MILITARY COMMITTEE.

The Military Committee, to which was referred "A bill to authorize the Governor to employ slave labor in State defences," have considered the same, and recommend its passage with the following amendments:

Strike out in the title of the bill, the words "State defences," and insert "erecting fortifications and other works."

Strike out second section.

Insert the following section:

Be it enacted, &c., That in case any of the slaves so employed shall escape to the enemy, or be captured or killed by them whilst in the employ of the State, the owner or owners shall be paid their full value, upon warrant of the Governor upon the Public Treasurer.

DANL. G. FOWLE, Chairman.

A BILL TO AUTHORIZE THE GOVERNOR TO EMPLOY SLAVE LABOR IN STATE DEFENCES.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the 2 State of North Carolina, and it is hereby enacted by the 3 authority of the same, That the Governor shall have full 4 power and authority to compel the services of any num-

5 ber of slaves deemed necessary to perfect the defences of  
6 the State.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the slaves so em-  
2 ployed shall be taken, as far as practicable, from the vi-  
3 cinity of the point or points to be defended.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted,* That as soon as the Gov-  
2 ernor, or the military authorities in charge of the said de-  
3 fences, shall deem the work perfected, the slaves shall  
4 forthwith be returned to their respective owners.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That the owners of said  
2 slaves shall receive just and reasonable compensation from  
3 the Public Treasury; and that this act shall have full ef-  
4 fect as soon as ratified.

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